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NEWSLETTER OF DOLPHIN DIVERS OF SACRAMENTO

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President's Message

Happy Holidays Dolphin Divers, and Hello 2017

With this issue comes a new year! I hope this issue finds you in good health and that you and your family have had a safe and happy holiday season!

We have just celebrated our annual Christmas Party where we had nearly 70 in attendance! Thank you to all of you who were able to join the festivities. Special thank you to the Christmas Committee whom without all their dedication, hard work and relentless effort it would not have been as successful. Marilyn Campbell, Steve Campbell, Marilyn Sepulveda, Jamie Sepulveda, Steve Volpicelli, Brad Frelove, Linda Frelove, and Jack Millard for all your hard work in making this again a special occasion. Thank you to all

those who came early for setup and those who stayed late for cleanup with your assistance events like these just don't run as smoothly and it is because of members like you who make this club possible.

In addition to the members who contribute time, effort and donations, thank you to Dolphin Scuba of Sacramento and FishEye Scuba of Folsom for their generous contributions of gear for our raffle. Vendors like these support our events because we support and endorse their shops. Please remember to think about them next time you want to book that Dive Trip, or need your equipment serviced, or someone asks you what you would like for Christmas. Without us supporting their operations, raffle's like this past Christmas are not possible without the club spending a lot of money.

There will be no Board meeting in January. Our next general meeting will be at Round Table Pizza on January 18th 2017, I look forward to seeing you there! Take a look at the upcoming events schedule at the back of the issue for more events yet to come.

Ken Takata, in coordination with Reef and the Nature Conservancy, is putting together a class to count abalone. We have attempted to do this several times now and really could use the participation of members as Reef has reached out to the club for assistance. For more information, please see Kens article or reach out to him. Again, thank you all very much!

~Chris Anthon - President

Meetings

Board meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month, at a Board Member's home. All members are welcome to attend all meetings; however, we ask that you call the host to RSVP. Board meetings start at 7:00pm - Upcoming Board Meetings:

There will be NO January Board Meeting the next Board meeting will be at the home of Brad & Linda Frelove February 1, 2017 (916) 879-3853

General Meetings General Meetings start at 7:00 pm and are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Round Table Pizza, 9500 Greenback Lane (at Madison). Call 916-989-1133 to order in advance, be sure to ask for the Dolphin Dive Club Discount.

-TROPHY CORNER-

BIG FISH: No Entries yet

BIG AB: No Entries yet

DOLPHIN BIRTHDAY CLUB

Alan Couch	01/01
Sophia Rojas	01/05
Virg Manganaan	01/09
Dave Whiteside	01/12
Jack Millard	01/15
Kathy Magnani	01/18
Tom Hammett	01/26
Jordan Taylor	01/31

Happy Birthday to you all!!



Thank you for attending Dolphin Divers Holiday Party!

For those of you who attended the Dolphin Divers Christmas party, thank you for joining us for our annual holiday party and celebration of the 35th Anniversary of Dolphin Divers of Sacramento. We hope everyone enjoyed the food, dessert bar, photo booth, raffle & music. As always, we had a great time and it was a wonderful gathering with friends, and family.

We should also say a special "thanks" to everyone who donated prizes to the raffle. We thank the volunteers who helped us setup the venue, and sell raffle tickets and thanks to Steve Volpicelli for volunteering to provide his DJ skills for a wonderful night of dancing.

We also want to congratulate the winners of the photo contest with Jack Millard coming in 1st Place with his photo entered for Under Water at a Club Event. Corinne Fuerst, Above Water at a Club Event. Holly Little, Open Category, and Steve Gibson, General Category. Thank you all for sharing your photos and we look forward to next year's entries.

Big Ab of the year goes to Holger Fuerst coming in at 9.187 and there were no submissions for big fish. Next year get your entries in because you never know if you have an opportunity to take home the prize.

The biggest winner of the night went to Brad FreeLove, our Member of the Year! Brad without a thought goes above and beyond to support the success of the club and its membership.

We hope you all have a fun and safe holiday season wherever you are and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Warm Wishes,

Thank You and Happy Holiday from the Dolphin Divers
Holiday Christmas Party Committee!

President's Day

**February 17th thru February 20th
Casini Ranch**

President's Day Weekend (Friday the 17th to Monday the 20th) will be at Casini Ranch located on the beautiful Russian River. We will plan on the usual for the weekend. Please plan on sharing hors d'oeuvres both Saturday and Sunday in the early afternoon. Currently, the plan is to head into Bodega Bay (the Tides) Saturday morning to purchase oysters - so bring those dollar bills...(last year they were about \$1.25/oyster) for BBQ'd oysters. We will have our potluck dinner on Sunday night. I will be making the traditional clam chowder to contribute to that night's potluck dinner; please plan on bringing your own favorite dish to share at the potluck. It is always a fun and relaxing weekend and we look forward to spending time with those of you who can join us.

Fred and I have reservations and will be in site C13 this year. I checked with the reservation desk and there are other sites around us that are currently open. There were still some spots in the A row, B row and C row. There were also quite a few spots in the F row...even though we may not be right together, the rows are pretty close to each other and easy for us to get together at a central camp site. Some members have already made reservations so call soon to get your spot. If you plan on going we suggest you make your *own* reservations soon. Let them know you are with the Dolphin Dive Club and want a spot as close as possible to C13. You can make your reservations via phone at 1 (800) 451-8400 daily between 8 and 4 PM. Or you can make your reservations on line at:

<https://v3.bookyoursite.com/casini/reservation>.

If you need any additional information, please visit Casini's website at:

<http://www.casiniranch.com/index.php>

We are looking forward to seeing those of you who can join us!! ~Fred and Lisa Knoles

Reef Check Abalone Survey Class

At the August meeting of Dolphin Dive Club we saw a presentation by Frank Hurd, of the Nature Conservancy, about the use of recreational divers conducting abalone surveys to help the California Department of Fish and Wildlife regulate the fishery. Jack Millard followed up and got more information how we could participate in conducting these surveys. Here is what we need to do:

Attend a two day training workshop in Fort Bragg. This workshop is sponsored by a grant from the Nature Conservancy, so there is no cost to us. The training includes a day of class room and pool practice followed by a day of ocean diving (probably at Van Damme). The dives are on SCUBA since the goal is to get an accurate count of the population and sizes of abalone in a given area using a caliper developed for this purpose. Because we would not be taking any abalone the regulations for harvesting them do not apply. Once we have the training we can set up areas and times to conduct our own surveys.

Jack Millard had set up a class for December 17, 18, 2016.

Unfortunately, the class had to be cancelled due to weather.

The class has been rescheduled for April 22 and 23, 2017.

It is crucial that the DFW has ample Abalone survey data in order to make appropriate fishery management decisions. But, they have limited resources to collect this data. As sport Abalone divers, we need to "Step up to the plate" and assist in any way we can. Participation in the Reef Check-Abalone Diver Surveys will add to the DFW's database and go a long way to preserving the resource.

If any of you are interested in taking the April 22-23 class please contact me as soon as possible. The class is limited to 8 students. ~Ken Takata

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SAFETY

Tom Oja, DDS Safety Officer

Safety Message and Local Dives:

Thanks to all of you who were involved in the recent CPR, First Aid, O2 classes as well as the Rescue Diver classes. That makes a huge step forward in the overall safety of our club.

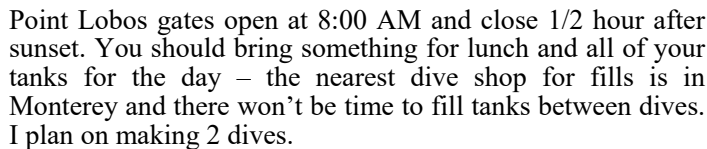
If you missed out on these classes watch the Dolphin Scuba website for Rescue Diver Classes or ask Mitch at a future meeting. These classes happen every couple of months. Same goes for CPR, First Aid, and sometimes O2 classes. Not only are First Aid and CPR available from Dolphin and Mitch but also from many other non-diving organizations including the Red Cross and American Heart Association. So there really is no excuse for not being trained. It may be your spouse, friend, or even grandchild that needs your help.

DAN Studies. Did you know that DAN the Divers Alert Network regularly studies the effects that flying, medication, etc have on Diving. If you are interested they might need your help. Check out their website at : <https://www.diversalertnetwork.org/research/studies/> For some of the studies they are working on.

I have one person besides myself who is interested in doing some indoor pool practice with gear. If you are interested, please let me know soon including possible dates that work for you. We are looking at January if possible, otherwise February. But this event will not happen if you do not tell me you are interested.

After the holidays I will again start looking at planning some additional local dives so if you are interested let me via email as soon as possible. If there are days and locations that interest you, we can dive those locations next. ~Tom

We managed to snag 14 of the 15 dive team spaces for Point Lobos on Saturday, January 14. I will also be diving Point Lobos on Friday, January 13, but no reservations should be necessary. If you want to join me on Friday just show up at the park entrance at 8:00. If you wanted to dive on the 14th but were unable to make your own reservations there may be a few spots open so send me an e-mail: jbmillard@aol.com or call me at 916-987-1303. If you have a reservation for Saturday it is IMPORTANT that you are there because if the team leader is not there the buddy cannot dive, either. **DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR "C" CARD!** You have to show it at the Point Lobos park gate to dive.



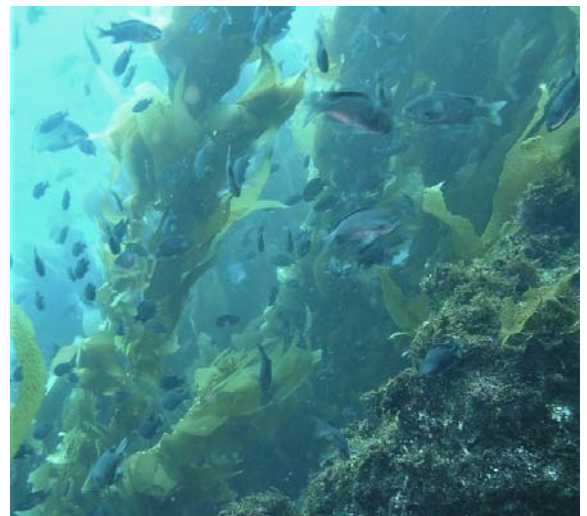
After we finish diving Saturday, and get cleaned up in our rooms, we'll meet at El Torito's Restaurant, on Cannery Row, for dinner and to celebrate my birthday. ~ *Jack*

There are ~~15~~ 12 spaces left on our 2017 Channel Islands dive trip on the Conception. This trip will again be for 4 days from



Sunday, July 23 to Wednesday, July 26. This year we will head back to Catalina for the warmer water and (hopefully) the Giant Black Seabass and dive sites at Ship Rock and Farnsworth Banks. There are always a few hunters and photographers/videographers on our trips, but this is a trip for everyone so we will go where the conditions are best for general diving.

A group of divers is exploring a coral reef. In the foreground, a manta ray rests on the seabed. The divers are equipped with scuba gear and are surrounded by vibrant coral and marine life.



biggest fun(d) raiser for the year and an excellent time for great diving and to get to know all your Dolphin buddies a little better. Bottom time is limited only by your nitrogen loading and how many times you want to dive. If you are a new diver this is probably the best way for you to hone your skills while diving with your more experienced club buddies. The scenery along the islands is so beautiful we are often joined by non-diving family members. The crew takes excellent care of us and it is unbelievable how good the food is coming from the tiny galley.

You can make deposits, payments or payoffs any time, but hurry because space is limited. I'll tell you more at the meetings and in the "Bubbles". When you sign up I'll also send you information about the specifics of the trip and what you can expect. You can check the club website for previous trip reports in our archived Bubbles. Jack Millard jbmillard@aol.com, 916-987-1303

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday March 25

Our annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt in Monterey will be on Saturday, March 25. As always we'll have lots of GREAT prizes, one for every egg and some for our raffle too! The hunt area will be at the west end of San Carlos Beach, opposite the breakwater and down the stairs from the restrooms. Everyone will need to be on the beach between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. to sign in and receive a dive orientation. The area of the hunt will be



weights and a safety diver in a boat, anchored in the center of the area with a safety diver. We will have children's activities organized on the beach while parents are searching for their eggs underwater. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to help with the children's activities please let us know.

Prizes for the adults and children will be awarded at the evening buffet and awards ceremony at Crazy Horse Restaurant, located above the Bay



Park Hotel, near Hwy 101 & Munras Avenue. The menu selections will be the same as last year with tri-tip, halibut, hot vegetables, soft

drinks, the Crazy Horse signature salad bar, and even Chocolate mousse for desert. Social hour will start at 5:00

followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the prize presentations immediately after dinner. Be sure to bring money for some **GREAT** raffle prizes! I will post the sign-up form



on our web site and send a map and directions in an e-mail to everyone who has signed up for this event. If you do not have access to the internet, or a printer, the forms will also be available at the January, February and March general meetings. Even though our cost has gone up for the meals the club is subsidizing the increase to keep your member cost the same.

There are many motels and campgrounds in the area. Here are a few contact numbers for some places to stay:

BAY PARK HOTEL 800-338-3564

We have a group rate of \$99.00/night at Bay Park Hotel, regularly \$130.00. Ask for our club rate.

LAGUNA SECA CAMPGROUND 831-758-3604

CYPRUS TREE INN MOTEL & RV 831-372-7586

LONE OAK MOTEL 831-372-4924

MONTEREY TRAVELODGE 831-373-3381

For more info call one of the Easter Bunnies:

Brad Freelove, (916) 682-1695, bradlinda@frontiernet.net
or Jack Millard at (916) 987-1303, jbmillard@aol.com



cordoned off underwater with yellow rope and there will be floats on the surface marking the area from above. Boats may be moored outside of the hunt area BUT **ALL** contestants **must remain ON THE SURFACE** until the whistle is blown. At 10:00 sharp we will blow a whistle to signal the start of the event, at which time you should descend. If you are floating over the hunt area and descend when you hear the whistle you are almost assured of finding an egg. If you have not yet reached the hunt area when the whistle is blown the easy ones will be already found and you will have to work much harder to find them. There are usually egg numbers that are not found so don't give up too early! There will be extra

FISH OF THE MONTH

By Pam Wade



Leafy Filefish

This photo is by Jack Millard from his recent trip to Ambon with Dolphin Dive Shop. I really couldn't tell what it was. My best guess was a hairy Lionfish but there is no such thing in the book. I couldn't tell the size from the photo. The color and the tail turned me to the Lionfish pages. One of the many benefits of being a REEF member and diving REEF sponsored trips is meeting other fish counters. I sent this photo to Kreg Martin, one of the expert fish counters who recognized the Leafy Filefish right away. Maximum size is 7 inches. They run brown to brownish yellow; shaggy, covered with numerous skin-flaps, wavy brown lines on the side, black dots on transparent dorsal, anal and tail fins. You will most likely find them on weed-covered bottoms of coastal reefs at depths of 2 to 25 meters in Indonesia, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, S. Japan to Great Barrier Reef.

Thanks for the challenge Jack and thanks for the good find. (Credit for the information goes to Reef Fish Identification Tropical Pacific 2nd Edition Allen, Steene, Humann, Deloach) ~Pam

OUT – AND – ABOUT

Don't forget when you are out-and-about, the following shops and businesses support Dolphin Divers of Sacramento. When you patronize, please tell them you are a club member and thank them for their support. *Indicates shops that honor the free air fills on the back of Dolphin Divers membership cards.

* **Dolphin Scuba Center** (916) 929-8188
www.dolphinsscuba.com

* **Fish Eye Scuba** (916) 850-1145
www.fisheyescuba.com

* **Scuba World** (916) 332-8294
www.scubaworld.com

Garage Sale

80 steel DIN tank, needs hydro and new boot, \$20. Steve Gibson 408-206-6917

DONATE BLOOD & SAVE LIVES

When you donate blood, tell them that you are a member of Dolphin Dive Club and ask that your donation be credited to our account (#3412) and benefit other club members if they need a blood donation.

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IMPORTANT DATES

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JANUARY

3 No board meeting

14 Point Lobos Dive- Jack Millard

20 General Meeting- Round Table Pizza

FEBRUARY

3 Board Meeting- Brad Frelove

15 General Meeting- Round Table Pizza guest speaker, Jack Mill

18-20 President's Day Weekend- Casini Ranch

MARCH

1 Board Meeting- Tracy Clarke

22 General Meeting- Round Table Pizza

25 Underwater Easter Egg Hunt- Monterey

APRIL

6 Board Meeting- The Sepulveda's

20 General Meeting- Round Table Pizza